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SUBJECT: RECENT NARCOTICS SEIZURES IN THAILAND

1. RECENT BANGKOK PRESS REPORTS DESCRIBE TWO NARCOTICS SEIZURES WHICH THAI AUTHORITIES EFFECTED ON THEIR OWN INFORMATION AND INITIATIVE.

2. THE BANGKOK POST OF SEPTEMBER 20 DESCRIBES THE ARREST AT BANG SUE (NORTHERN BANGKOK) RAILROAD STATION OF A THAI ARMY MASTER-SERGEANT CARRYING FIVE KGS. OF MORPHINE REPORTEDLY WORTH MORE THAN \$5,000 ON THE BANGKOK MARKET. THE SERGEANT TOLD POLICE HE WAS CARRYING THE MORPHINE TO A CHINESE CONTACT, AND ADMITTED HE WAS HIRED FREQUENTLY TO SMUGGLE NARCOTICS INTO BANGKOK. HE REPORTEDLY EARNED BETWEEN \$10-\$15 PER TRIP. THE MORPHINE BORE THE 999 BRAND, ACCORDING TO THE PHOTO ACCOMPANYING THE STORY.

3. THE BANGKOK WORLD OF SEPTEMBER 19 CARRIES A STORY ON A POLICE RAID IN MAI HONG SON WHICH CONFISCATED 53 PACKAGES OF OPIUM REPORTEDLY WORTH \$15,000 ON THE LOCAL MARKET. THREE EMPLOYEES IN THE HOUSE CONFESSED THAT THEY HAD BEEN HIRED TO CARRY THE OPIUM TO BANGKOK TO DELIVER TO A BUYER WHOM THEY NAMED. THE PROVINCIAL POLICE REPORTEDLY NOTIFIED BANGKOK METROPOLITAN POLICE TO ARREST THE BUYER. IN A RELATED RAID THE MAE HONG SON POLICE

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ARRESTED THE ALLEGED OWNER OF THE OPIUM. THEY FOUND TWO

PISTOLS AND 1,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN THE OWNER'S
HOUSE.
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